

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 304
By Eckles

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Ralph Vaughn for his numerous contributions to Rutherford County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the elected Representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who have made invaluable contributions within their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that no one “has done more to promote Rutherford County than Ralph Vaughn and asked less in return”; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Vaughn has earned the respect of the citizens of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, this Assembly, and the State of Tennessee for more than two decades of public service that stands unparalleled in excellence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn spent his formative years in the Smithville, DeKalb County community; the Rutherford County community was truly blessed when he moved there; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn is widely recognized for his business acumen, specializing in media marketing and fund-raising, and has used his talents working tirelessly for civic, nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, he devotes his time and considerable talents to such worthy organizations as the Rutherford County Economic Development Council, the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, where he has been president for 11 years, and serves on numerous civic boards; and

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WHEREAS, lauded for his numerous projects, one of Mr. Vaughn's "biggest and most favorite" projects has been his role as one of the original founders and organizers of the "Ole time/fiddlers Jamboree", an event that draws over 100,000 people to the Smithville community each summer. It is one of the top events in the South and is broadcast nationally; and

WHEREAS, an extremely versatile volunteer, Mr. Vaughn supports the continuing programs of "Making It Happen", "School-to-Work" and the GED; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn has always placed a high value on community service and has spent much of his time serving valiantly with Little League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, the countless honors that have been conferred upon him and his many other accomplishments aside, Mr. Vaughn is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife of 15 years, Linda Dotson Vaughn, and their children, Cindy and Randy; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Vaughn is truly an outstanding individual and model Tennessean whose life serves as a shining example of the virtues of hard work and dedication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Ralph Vaughn for his numerous contributions to the children and the economic and civic life of Rutherford County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Vaughn with this final clause omitted from such copy.